

All Saints' Sunday

November 6, 2022

in the 170th Year of the Parish

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church!

Today we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. All Saints' is the church's Memorial Day. At both services, we remember those who since last All Saints' Sunday have passed on to the "Church Triumphant". Our color is white symbolizing purity in Christ and eternity.



This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Our Mission: *“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”*

Our COVID-19 Guidelines:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Face masks are optional.

Offerings may be received by way of baskets as you enter or leave.

Please continue to observe social distancing when passing the peace.

An Order for Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am, Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two, (LBW, “Green Book”)

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE Cortège et Litanie Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Cortège et Litanie is built on two contrasting themes. The *Cortège*, a solemn processional especially for a funeral, begins quietly featuring a chorale-like tune. The *Litanie* is an insistent theme; or a simple, repetitious, and anxious melody that grows in complexity and intensity, until the climax of the piece when Dupre combines the music of the *Cortège* and the *Litanie*. The piece concludes in a blaze of triumph and hope.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. The congregation may kneel.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The pastor stands and gives words of assurance.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***HYMN For All the Saints**

LBW, "Green", 174

***THE GREETING**

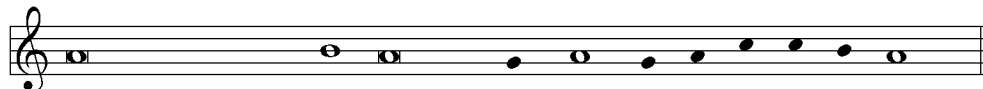
P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints!

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



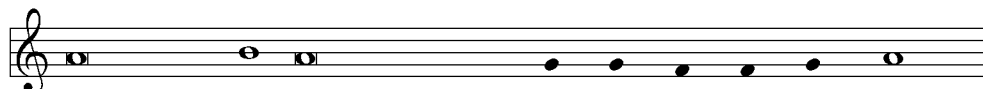
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

*THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one

communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

1In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: 2I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, 3and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

15As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. 16I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 17“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. 18But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

1Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD| a new song,
God’s praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

**2Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**

3Let them praise their maker’s | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

**4For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory.**

5Let the faithful re- | jice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.
**6Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**
7to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
**8to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,**
9to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 1:11-23

11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 6:20-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

20Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

25“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

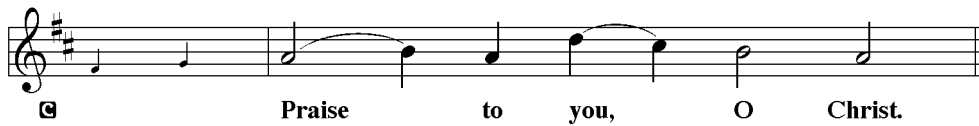
“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

27“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30Give to everyone who begs from

you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LBW, “Green”, 175**

***THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith:

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Including those who have passed to the Church Triumphant)

After each petition, “Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer.”

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words,
and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.*



ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) set to music the text from the Gospel of John where Jesus speaks to his disciples foretelling his own death and promising that God the Father will send to them the Holy Spirit (a Comforter). *If Ye Love Me* sounds like a simple 16-century motet, but it has subtle touches of color and movement which bring the hymn alive. Tallis' work is a beautiful work of art and is especially appropriate to commemorate All Saints' Sunday.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have
prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

With all your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

***LAMB OF GOD**



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:

- *Communicants as directed by ushers are asked to come forward by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

Please do not kneel at the rail.

P Come to the Feast of Resurrection!

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

***AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have fed us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN** **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** **LBW, “Green”, 328**

***DISMISSAL**

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with all his saints!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, Storm and Hurricane Victims, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah.



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

WORSHIP LEADERS (11/6/22)

Lector	8:00 a.m.	Ruth Rees
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Buckman
Communion Assistants	8:00 a.m.	Becky Pryor / Drew Hausmann / Jackie Kinney
	10:30 a.m.	Lou Ann and Ralph Zeigler
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers:	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Carl Albright, Captain; Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
Altar Guild	November	Connie Shaible, Sally Bjornstad

OUR STEWARDSHIP (10/30/22)

Regular Offering	\$2,520.00
Sunday School Offering	7.00
Family Promise Hosting	30.00
Flower Memorials / Tributes	30.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,587.00



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:
 +In Loving Memory of my Loved Ones by Norma Feig Prato.
 +In Loving Memory of Gwen M. Rees by Ruth, Grant and Lisa Rees.

CORRECTION Upcoming Concert at St. Mark's

Williamsport Civic Chorus is Saturday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m.

THERE IS NO CONCERT ON SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 13th

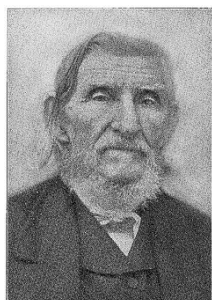


MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ♦ Sunday, November 13, “Shoebox Sunday” (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)
- ♦ Saturday, November 19, “Billtown Brass” in St. Mark's Nave, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30a.m.)
- ♦ Thursday, November 24, “A National Day of Thanksgiving” (USA)
- ♦ Sunday, November 27, Annual Advent Wreath Making. After the 10:30 a.m. service, light lunch and all materials provided.
- ♦ Sunday, November 27, The First Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)

Please Review the November “Lion” for upcoming events and times.

COMMEMORATIONS



Heyer



Ziegenbalg



Nommensen

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Monday, November 7, 2022

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.



Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Friday, November 11, 2022

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop. Martin Luther

was named in his honor.



Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Friday, November 11, 2022

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.